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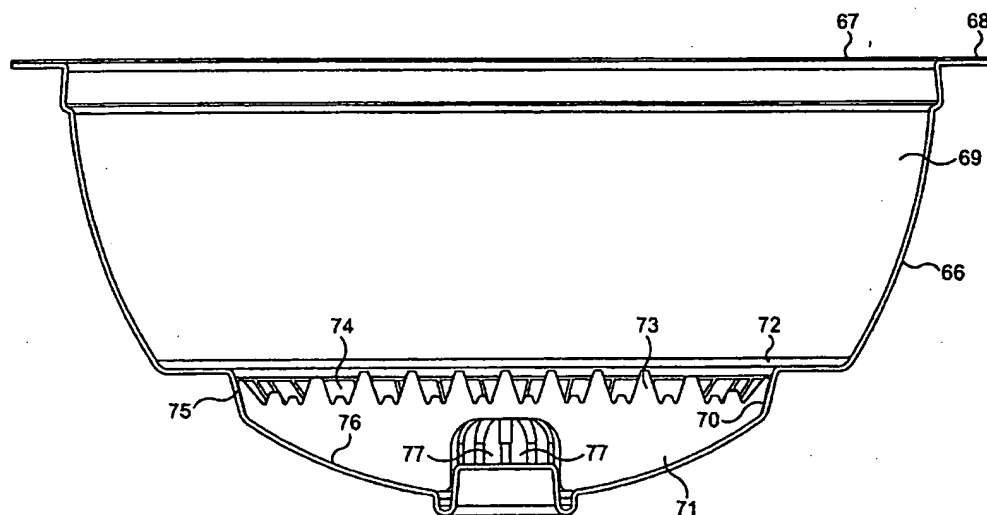
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a closed capsule designed to be extracted under pressure in an extraction device, containing a substance (69) for the preparation of a beverage, comprising a closed system (66, 67) containing the said substance (69) and a means (73) inside the said system allowing the said capsule to be opened at the time of its use and allowing the said beverage to flow out without contact with its extraction system.

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